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News Release

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NALFA Conducts Hourly Rate Survey of Class Counsel in Dallas

Chicago, IL – NALFA conducts hourly rate surveys for law firms, corporate legal departments, and government agencies. Our surveys provide the most accurate and current hourly rates within a given geography and practice area. We can design hourly rate surveys for specific cases. Our hourly rate surveys assist state and federal courts in awarding attorney fees in large, complex litigation throughout the U.S.

NALFA recently conducted an hourly rate survey of plaintiffs' counsel in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. This hourly rate survey was conducted for a Dallas area law firm seeking attorney fees in a product liability class action. The last hourly rate survey of this type was conducted by the Dallas Bar Association in 2015.

This survey was conducted via email from May 5th-19th. The survey results are private and peer-benefitting. The client, survey participants, and members of the NALFA network received the survey results and findings. The survey results show the current average hourly rate range for plaintiffs' associate, senior associate, partner, and senior partner in class action litigation in the Dallas-Fort

Worth area. Participants of this survey can see how their hourly rates compare to those of their litigation peers.

Our survey findings show that the average hourly rate range for class counsel in the Dallas/Fort Worth area is:

Plaintiffs' Class Counsel Average Hourly Rate Range (Dallas Area):

Associate: \$465-\$515

Senior Associate: \$545-\$615

Partner: \$665-\$755

Senior Partner: \$785-\$820

For more on NALFA's Custom Hourly Rate Surveys, visit <http://www.thenalfa.org/hourly-rate-surveys/>.



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Rate Surveys and Fee Dispute Mediation. For more on NALFA, visit www.thenalfa.org. Follow us on Twitter at [@AttorneyFees](https://twitter.com/AttorneyFees).

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NALFA Fact Sheet:

NALFA is an approved 501(c)(6) federal tax-exempt organization under the IRS Code.

NALFA is an A.M. Best Recommended Expert Service Provider (2008-Present).

NALFA has recommended qualified attorney fee experts on legal fee and billing matters ranging from \$143,000-\$500 million.

NALFA's Attorney Fee Dispute Mediation Program has an 86% resolution rate on fee dispute cases, a significantly higher rate than most bar administered fee dispute programs. NALFA's Fee Dispute Mediation Program has resolved over \$5 million in disputed attorney fees between parties.

Since 2008, NALFA has hosted over 30 different CLE and professional development programs on attorney fees and legal billing topics. Several of our CLE faculty have included sitting federal judges.

Every year, NALFA announces, "The Nation's Top Attorney Fee Experts".

NALFA offers a Certificate in Reasonable Attorney Fees, the nation's first and only certificate of its kind for registered guests of multiple programs.

NALFA has established Best Practices in Outside Legal Fee Analysis, a peer-review driven code of professional conduct for professionals who routinely perform outside legal fee analysis.

NALFA's News Blog covers jurisprudence and scholarship on reasonable attorney fees throughout the U.S.

NALFA filed Amicus Briefs in *Worley v. Storage USA*, *Pipefitters v. Oakley* in California appellate courts and in the landmark ADA case, *Covington v. McNeese State University* in the Louisiana Supreme Court.

NALFA has been cited or quoted by over a dozen different media outlets and/or publications: The Wall Street Journal, Bloomberg News, ALM's American Lawyer, The Chicago Tribune, Bloomberg BNA, CNBC, Thomson Reuters, Insurance Journal, Minneapolis-St. Paul Business Journal, Daily Journal, ALM's Daily Business Review, ALM's National Law Journal, FindLaw.com, The Florida Bar Journal, Law 360, Politico, and ALM's Law.com.

NALFA houses a body of scholarship on reasonable attorney fees including surveys, reports, articles, and studies. NALFA also recognizes the nation's most influential scholarship on attorney fees.

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Constant Contact Survey Results

Survey Name: Dallas-1

Response Status: Partial & Completed

Filter: None

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Do you practice law in the Dallas/Fort Worth area:

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Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Yes	<div><div></div></div>		21	87.5 %
No	<div><div></div></div>		3	12.5 %
No Response(s)			0	0.0 %
Totals			24	100%

Do you practice consumer-related class actions (including product liability) as counsel for the plaintiffs:

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Yes	<div><div></div></div>		9	37.5 %
No	<div><div></div></div>		15	62.5 %
No Response(s)			0	0.0 %
Totals			24	100%

My position can best be described as:

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Senior Partner	<div><div></div></div>		11	45.8 %
Partner	<div><div></div></div>		10	41.6 %
Senior Associate	<div><div></div></div>		0	0.0 %
Associate	<div><div></div></div>		2	8.3 %
No Response(s)	<div><div></div></div>		1	4.1 %
Totals			24	100%

My current (2019) hourly rate for class actions falls within what range?

Answer	0%	100%	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Less than \$300	<div><div></div></div>		2	8.3 %
\$300-\$400	<div><div></div></div>		1	4.1 %
\$401-\$500	<div><div></div></div>		4	16.6 %
\$501-\$600	<div><div></div></div>		2	8.3 %
\$601-\$700	<div><div></div></div>		5	20.8 %
\$701-\$800	<div><div></div></div>		2	8.3 %
Over \$800	<div><div></div></div>		4	16.6 %
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